

P-427, 421/CP-85-652 ORDER GRANTING TIME EXTENSION

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Don Storm	Chair
Tom Burton	Commissioner
Cynthia A. Kitlinski	Commissioner
Dee Knaak	Commissioner
Norma McKanna	Commissioner

In the Matter of a Petition
for Extended Area Service
Between the Zimmerman Exchange
and the Minneapolis/St. Paul
Metropolitan Calling Area

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On October 16, 1992, the Commission issued an Order in this matter directing Sherburne County Rural Telephone Company (Sherburne), the telephone company providing local service in the Zimmerman exchange, to revise and resubmit its proposed lower priced alternative to two-way, flat-rate extended area service (EAS). The Commission requested that Sherburne file its proposal on or before November 16, 1992.

On October 27, 1992, Sherburne filed a request for partial reconsideration of the Commission's October 16, 1992 Order.

On November 13, 1992, Sherburne filed a request for a 30 day extension for filing its lower priced alternative proposal.

On November 24, 1992, the Commission met to consider this matter.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

In support of its request, Sherburne stated that its software vendor has not previously produced the billing software package that Sherburne will need to develop its lower priced alternative proposal and that the software vendor had been unable, prior to November 12, 1992, to provide a time schedule and cost estimate for development of such software.

The Commission notes that due to Sherburne's request for reconsideration of the October 16, 1992 Order in this matter, the filing of cost studies and proposed rates by the other affected telephone companies will be delayed pending Commission action on

that request. Consequently, approving Sherburne's 30 day extension request will not, by itself, delay the setting of EAS rates to be used in polling Zimmerman subscribers.

In addition, granting Sherburne an additional 30 days is not out of line with time extensions granted in similar circumstances. For example, after rejecting GTE Minnesota, Inc.'s (GTE's) initial proposed lower priced alternative in the Lindstrom (Docket No. P-407, 421/CP-86-526) and Delano (Docket No. P-407, 421/CP-87-219) EAS dockets, the Commission provided GTE with 90 days to resubmit a revised lower priced alternative.

In these circumstances, the Commission finds that Sherburne's request for 30 additional days is reasonable and will approve it.

ORDER

1. The request of Sherburne County Rural Telephone Company (Sherburne) for an extension of 30 days to file its lower priced alternative is granted. Sherburne shall file its proposed lower priced alternative within 30 days of the date of this Order.
2. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Richard R. Lancaster
Executive Secretary

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